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Congressman Dent presents funds toward replacing bridge in Bangor

BANGOR — U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA-15) today delivered \$800,000 in federal funds toward the replacement of Messinger Street Bridge in Bangor. The Congressman secured the funding in last year's Highway Bill, officially called the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

"The Messinger Street Bridge is of vital importance to the safety and well-being of Bangor residents," Congressman Dent said. He presented a check for the funds to officials of Bangor and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in a brief news conference underneath the bridge span.

The bridge is the major direct access for emergency vehicles and other traffic to a portion of the borough. There is concern that larger pieces of fire apparatus or other trucks could overly stress the circa-1922 bridge, which crosses Martin's Creek and a railroad line.

The project is currently in the phase of environmental assessment and design. PennDOT estimates the total bridge replacement to cost more than \$6 million. Federal Highway Bill funds will be used by PennDOT to conduct the necessary steps toward construction.

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